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The Professional Services Schedule: What Can I Buy?

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What Is a Multiple Award Schedule?

- Government-wide contract vehicle for commercial products, services, and solutions
- Also known as Federal Supply Schedules (FSS), GSA Schedules or Multiple Award Schedules (MAS).
- Described in FAR 8.4
- Provides access to millions of commercial products and services at volume discount pricing.
- Use the MAS Desk Reference for step by step use of MAS (links available on page 22).

Professional Services Schedule (PSS)

- The PSS is a Multiple Awards Schedule that provides federal agencies direct access to simple or complex fixed-price or labor-hour professional services
- The PSS consists of 7 Special Item Numbers (SINs) to give federal agency acquisition professionals the ability to obtain total contract solutions for their professional services requirements using one contract vehicle.

Professional Services Schedule (PSS)

- The PSS offers more than 3,700 experienced contractors to provide a range of commercial services at competitive market rates by using the streamlined procurement procedures in FAR Subpart 8.4 Federal Supply Schedules.
- > Solicitation Number: FCO-00CORP-0000C

With the PSS Agencies can:

- Use simplified acquisition procedures to issue an RFQ using
 - Their own solicitation system or
 - GSA's eBuy solicitation system or
 - By issuing an RFQ directly to contractors using your agency's procedures
- > Save time by using the streamlined procurement procedures of FAR Subpart 8.4.

With the PSS Agencies can:

- Allow Contractor Team Arrangements
- Customize terms and conditions in task orders or through Blanket Purchase Agreements – to meet specific requirements
- Be assured FAR terms and conditions are incorporated into the contract
- > Ensure adequate small business participation

Mission Oriented Business Integrated Services

SIN 874 includes a full range of management and consulting services that can improve a federal agency's performance and its endeavors to meet mission goals.

Professional Engineering Services

SIN 871 provides a streamlined approach for federal agencies and the U.S. military to access qualified firms in many engineering disciplines, such as mechanical, electrical, chemical, (components of) civil engineering, software, and more

Financial and Business Solutions

SIN 520 helps federal agencies obtain quality financial services – and better results with fewer resources. These solutions allow for choice, flexibility, ease-of-use, and access to quality firms in the financial arena, ranging from small businesses to industry leaders.

Advertising and Integrated Marketing Solutions

SIN 541 provides expert help in the advertising, marketing, and related communications fields.

Logistics Solutions

SIN 874-5XX helps federal agencies obtain quality financial services – and better results with fewer resources. These solutions allow for choice, flexibility, ease-of-use, and access to quality firms in the financial arena, ranging from small businesses to industry leaders.

Environmental Services

SIN 899 supports agencies in meeting their environmental requirements and streamlining the contracting process by providing a faster, more cost-efficient means to meet environment requirements.

Language Services

SIN 382 includes translation and interpretation services for a vast number of languages. Knowledgeable contractors can provide various degrees of support from basic transcribing to advanced analytical consulting. Sign language and training are also offered.

PSS - The SINs and how they look today

520	R704	520 1	Program Financial Advisor - Assist agencies on cross-cutting issues, asset marketability, program development, trust or other monetary fund management / benefit administration, equity monitoring, originations, and addresses any other considerations regarding the acquisition	523110 522310 *531210	\$38.5M \$7.5M \$7.5M; Note 10
			considerations regarding the acquisition, management and/or resolution of an asset.		

Is there a Place where a customer can view the entire list of SINs? Yes - www.gsa.gov/psschedule

Simply click on "Resources for Customers" for a condensed listing or Click on "Resources for Contractors" for a detailed listing

PSS Complementary SINs

- C132-51 Information Technology Professional Services
- C595-21 Human Resource Services (Excluding EEO Services)
- C871-202 Energy Management Planning and Strategies
- C871-207 Energy Audit Services
- C871-208 Resource Efficiency Management (REM)
- C871-211 Energy Consulting Services

These SINs will always be identified with an alpha "C"

The following is contained in each SIN description:

*Note – This SIN cannot be used as a "stand alone" SIN – If an agency requires XX services as the only service needed, they are directed to Schedule XX.

PSS Complementary SINs:

- SINs on loan from their respective single schedule program offered through the PSS program for ancillary use only.
- Allow an agency who has a task involving professional services and IT to secure their needs under one RFQ.
- Can NOT be used to secure "stand-alone" services for IT, HR or Energy Management

PSS Complementary SINs

How do they work?

If an Agency has a requirement for business management consulting services that includes elements of IT consulting services, issue RFQ utilizing SINs 874-1, and C132-51 under the PSS

How do they NOT work?

If an Agency has a requirement for IT services only - issue an RFQ utilizing SIN 132-51 under Schedule 70

The first scenario ensures quotes are obtained from firms who have not only the capability to provide business management consulting services but also IT services, equaling a total solution.

Common Questions

Can firms now provide all SINs offered under PSS?

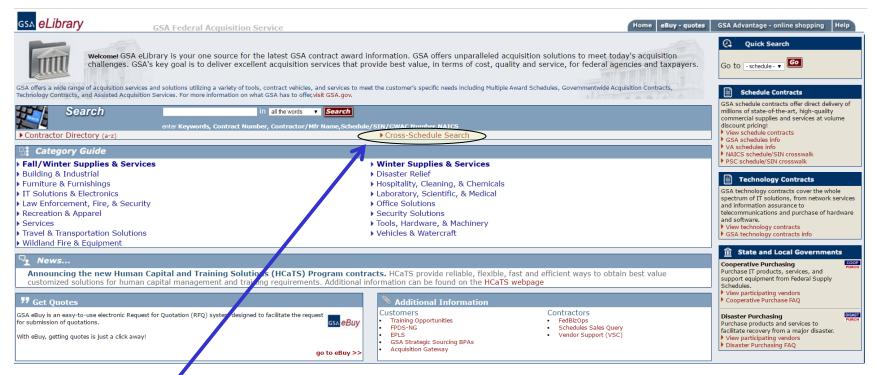
NO! A firm can only provide those services that are awarded under their contract. There are no firms who can provide every SIN available under this program however there are many firms who can provide several solution sets of services offered.

How is PSS (00CORP) presented in elibrary?

- > The location is <u>www.gsaelibrary.gsa.gov</u>
- The general search criteria is: 00CORP
- SINS are grouped and categorized by solution sets
- If an agency has multiple requirements a great search tool is the "Cross Schedule Search" found on the main page of eLibrary.
- The Cross-Schedule Search tool provides the ability to identify "total solution" providers for complex multischedule requirements and only returns those contractors with contract coverage under *all* of the selected schedules/SINs

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eLibrary Search Tool



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Can a firm on PSS still respond via CTAs?

- > Yes as long as the RFQ allows for CTAs.
- Encourage your contractors to view the Contractor Teaming Arrangement Tool (CTAT)*

^{*(}Note the firm must be a member of <u>Interact</u>). This is a forum to communicate teaming needs and requirements to a broad audience of other qualified Schedules contractors and enables Schedules contractors to easily team on solicitations and facilitate teaming solutions.

With the PSS Federal agencies can:

- Obtain total solutions to complex professionalservices requirements from a single source
- Reduce costs associated with managing various Schedules
- Increase program efficiency through fewer contracts and solicitations
- Find all SINs for professional services under one program
- Access a single team of experts for support

Benefits of PSS to the Customer include:

- Ability to use simplified acquisition procedures to issue a request for quotation to solicit quotes using either your agency's solicitation system, GSA's eBuy solicitation system, or directly to contractors using your agency's procedures.
- Allow unique contractor team arrangements to bring a wide variety of industry partners to the negotiating table.
- Allows the agency to customize terms and conditions in their task orders, or through blanket purchase agreements, to meet agency specific requirements
- Assurance that required FAR terms and conditions are incorporated into the contract.
- Ensures adequate small business participation, including set aside requests for quotations for various socio-economic subgroups (excluding 8a set-asides)
- Saves time by using the streamlined procurement procedures of FAR Subpart 8.4.

PSS Resources

Visit GSA's PSS web page

www.gsa.gov/portal/category/107967

Follow the Professional Services Category <u>Interact</u> <u>Community</u>

www.interact.gsa.gov/groups/professionalservices category

Web Resources

- MAS Desk Reference <u>www.gsa.gov/masdeskreference</u>
- Multiple Award Schedules <u>www.gsa.gov/schedules</u>
- eLibrary www.gsaelibrary.gsa.gov
- eBuy <u>www.ebuy.gsa.gov</u>
- MAS News <u>www.gsa.gov/masnews</u>
- Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) www.acquisition.gov/far
- Blanket Purchase Agreements: http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/199353
- Price Reductions: http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/200397
- Acquisition Gateway: https://hallways.cap.gsa.gov

Questions?

For general questions related to PSS:

Email: <u>professionalservices@gsa.gov</u>

For questions on a <u>specific</u> PSS contract:

Contact the GSA Procurement Contracting Officer (PCO) assigned to the contract. Information on PCO contact can be found via GSA e-library. Simply search for the contractor name or contract number in GSA e-library where you find the GSA PCO's name and contact information in the contract information screen.

THANK YOU!